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2. Valakis		15 1944			DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2006
3. Klassen		9/19	9/19	P.K.	
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7. O-2 C-1		9-19	9/23	Lus. PRM	O-1 Note! Lus.
8. Klassen				PK	Please, return
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10. A-2		NOTE			No further distribution: Please see me before releasing to anyone. 9-25 Lus.

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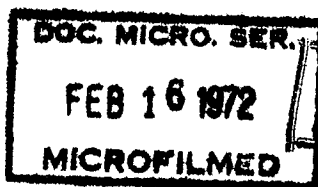
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2 September 1944

MEMORANDUM

For: SAINT WASHINGTON ✓  
SAINT LONDON  
SAINT CAIRO

From: SAINT ISTANBUL AH-002

Subject: Statement made by Col. HATZ

1. Attached is a statement allegedly made by Col. Otto HATZ to a British agent and which we believe to be valid.
2. HATZ was formerly Hungarian Military Attache in Istanbul. This statement was made about the middle of June, following HATZ's arrest in Hungary and parole long enough to come here and settle his personal affairs.
3. In addition to the fact that the statement mentions persons who are believed to be OSS personnel, we believe the statement of further interest for two reasons: first, it throws further light on the GYORGY matter and, second, it shows that the British contacted HATZ after advising our people not to see him when he returned.

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This statement was made by Colonel HATE to a British agent here.

"A few days after my arrival at Budapest, I was arrested by members of the German Army and put into the prison of the Buda Court of Justice, Fo utca 70, which is now the prison of the German Army and the SS. I soon found that three American officers who descended by parachutes in the district of Murakos, Hungary, early in March, were placed near my cell. I believe that the chief officer among them is called Colonel Duke. I saw all three of them wearing American uniforms being treated well, and were sent there to be examined. Afterwards they will be transferred into German prisoners of war camps."

"The chief charge against me was that I conspired with the Americans in Istanbul. The man Andrew GEORGY (GROES), who was arrested after March 19th, disclosed all details of my American contacts. My Assistant BAGYONI, and several other leading members of the Hungarian General Staff, were also arrested. When examined, most of the questions put to me referred to the three wireless sets which BAGYONI and I took to Budapest from Istanbul, and which were given to us by Americans. Fortunately, only one of them was found probably at the building of the Hungarian General Staff, the second had been destroyed, and the third one is hidden in the town of Dombovar. This latter has been taken to pieces, and we cannot, at present put it together."

"Lothar KOVESS, the Istanbul representative of the Hungarian Navigation Company, who happened to be in Budapest on the 19th of March, was likewise arrested. He was already on the way back to Istanbul when at the frontier station, at Darda, he was forced to return. KOVESS was my interpreter in my conversations with the American. I did not want GEORGY to be present, and it was probably out of jealousy that GEORGY disclosed the name of KOVESS too."

"Our discharge was finally due to an intervention by the Regent. I understood that he threatened to resign, unless the Hungarian officers arrested by the Germans would be delivered to the proper Hungarian military authorities. Thus I (and the other Staff Officers) together with BAGYONI were set at liberty, and had to wait a few weeks until we were discharged by the Hungarian Military Court. I was, however, as a kind of disciplinary punishment, relieved of my duties as Military Attache at Istanbul, and I had to request for being sent to the Russian front. On my parole, I was allowed to return for a few days to Istanbul, together with BAGYONI, in order to settle my affairs here. And so I have to return now. For how long I have to stay to the Russian front, I do not know. For the time being I have to be very careful."

"KOVESS has not been discharged with us, because he tried different interventions for his sake which all proved harmful. I believe, however, that he will be set at liberty these days by the Germans. Whether he will be able to return to Istanbul I do not know."

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